Maharashtra	672	628	334
N.E. Region	17	32	247
Orissa	36	200	206
Punjab	144	1521	283
Rajasthan	59	113	126
Tamilnadu	487	490	1179
Uttar Pradesh	60	68	1360
West Bengal	177	31	180
TOTAL	3309	7232	7358

Acquisition of coalfields by Electricity Boards

*108. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the parties including Electricity Boards that have applied to acquire coalfields; and

(b) the number of parties that have been permitted to acquire coalfields alongwith the area of such coalfields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Following Firms| Electricity Boards have expressed their interest in developing captive coal mines for power generation :—

(i) Government of Gujarat (for Gujarat Power Corporaton).

(ii) Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

(iii) M|s RPG Industries Limited.

(iv) M|s Kalinga Power Corporation Limited.

(v) M|s Indian Charge Chrome Limited.

(vi) M|s Indian Aluminium Company Limited.

(vii) M|s Development Consultants Limited.

(viii) M|s. Nippon Denro Ispat Limited.

(ix) M|s Cogentrix of USA.

(b) As of now no Firm|Electricity Board etc. has been permitted to acquire any coalfield.

Shortages in Coal Industry

*109. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortages in coal industry are attributed to assessed weight in volumetric and despatch weight in actual tonnage. if so, the details of such shortages during the last five years, year-wise; and

(b) the number of loading points with mannual and electrical weigh bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) One of the rea-

sons for variation between estimated and actual coal stocks can be the difference between assessed weight of coal production which is measured in volumetric terms and the despatches which are based on the actual weighment. As per the figures made available by Coal India Ltd. the stock shortages in CIL during the years 1988-89 to 1991-92 were as follows :

Year	Stock Shortages (In lakh tonnes)
1988-89	20.21
1989-90	26.24
1990-91	13.71
1991-92	67.92

(b) Though as per statute, weighment of rail borne coal is the responsibility of the Railways, Coal India Limited has installed weighbridges at loading points, the detail of which are as under :

1. Machanical weighbridges	6
2. Machanical weighbridges with Electronic printout system	61
3. Electronic (in-motion and static) weighbridges	35
TOTAL	102

Fieo's Plan for Indian Exports

*110. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a comprehensive export promotion strategy for the country has been prepared by the Federation of Indian Export Organisation;

(b) if so, what are details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) A Paper on 'Export Promotion Strategy' for India has been prepared by Federation of Indian Export Organisation in April 1993.

(b) The strategy envisages action along multi-dimensional front covering both the external and the internal scenaries. It involves inter alia, improving of the policy, administrative, fiscal and infrastructural support, making exports more profitable than selling in the domestic market, motivating large industrial houses to take to exports in a big way, focusing on select products in which we have advantage especially in agricultural exports, strengthening Export Houses, Trading Houses, and Star Trading Houses, and creating an awareness overseas of India's export capabilities and ability to supply quality products and services. At the same time the strategy advocates generating an export consciousness and culture at the grass-roots level across the country. Greater involvement of State Governments in the export drive is also envisaged. On the external front, the strategy proposes